

Quiz on women's rights



Classroom activity

Summary:

Spark students' interest and test their knowledge with this short quiz on women's rights.

Duration:

10 minutes

Materials required:

- Small pieces of card or paper (three for each student)
- Pens

Age group:

Secondary

Learning objective:

- Students are aware that inequalities exist between women and men in access to power, money and representation.

Instructions

- Introduce the activity to students.
- Give students three pieces of card or paper and ask them to label the cards clearly as A, B and C. These will be the students' 'answer cards'.
- Read out the quiz questions. After each question, ask students to indicate whether they think the answer is answer A, B or C by holding up the appropriate answer card in the air, and then reveal the answer.
- After the quiz, tell students how they can find out more and get involved in initiatives to tackle sex inequality, for example by joining a school feminist group or by visiting the UK Feminista website: www.ukfeminista.org.uk

Quiz questions



Question 1: What percentage of UK Members of Parliament are women?

- A) 11% B) 32% C) 49%

Answer: B

(As of June 8th 2017.)

Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2017-40192060>

Question 2: In what year did it become illegal in the UK to sack a woman from her job for being pregnant?

- A) 1829 B) 1937 C) 1975

Answer: C

Source: <https://www.bl.uk/sisterhood/timeline>

Question 3: Due to the gender pay gap, on what date in the year do women effectively stop earning and start working for free?

- A) 11 June B) 23 December C) 10 November

Answer: C

The average pay for women working full-time is 9.4% lower than for men working full-time (2017).

Source: <https://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/equal-pay-day>

Question 4: In what year did women gain the right to vote in the UK on the same terms as men?

- A) 1867 B) 1928 C) 1961

Answer: B

Question 5: How many women alive today were married before they were 15 years old?

- A) 750,000 B) 25 million C) 250 million

Answer: C

Source: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/facts-and-figures>

Question 6: Which country has the highest number of female parliamentarians worldwide?

- A) Rwanda B) USA C) Sweden

Answer: A

Women in Rwanda have won 63.8% of seats in the lower house. Source: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/leadership-and-political-participation/facts-and-figures>

Question 7: In businesses around the world, what proportion of senior management are women?

- A) 24% B) 42% C) 52%

Answer: A

Source: <http://beijing20.unwomen.org/en/infographic/economy>

Question 8: In 1921 the Football Association (FA) passed a rule affecting female footballers. What was it?

- A) Girls had to be 12 years old before they could start playing football
B) Women were banned from playing on FA grounds
C) Women were allowed to play in men's teams

Answer: B

The FA's ban on women playing football was only lifted in 1971.

Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-30329606>

Question 9: In 2016, what proportion of the top 250 films in the US were directed by women?

- A) 1% B) 7% C) 33%

Answer: B

Source: <http://womenintvfilm.sdsu.edu/research/>

Question 10: What percentage of engineers are women?

- A) 11% B) 15% C) 50%

Answer: A

Source: <http://www.wes.org.uk/content/wesstatistics>